

**Falls Church Senior Citizens Commission**  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
March 21, 2007

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Susan Pollack at 4:15 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Present: Jan Greenberg, Kate Ripley, Susan Pollack, Ann O'Neil, Mary Hood

Staff: Letha Flippin

City Council Liaison: Hal Lippman

**3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

The minutes for the February, 2007 meeting were approved unanimously.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

**City Swimming Pool** – The commission discussed the process and actions necessary to pursue for a public swimming pool to be built in the City. First, the characteristics of the pool need to be identified, including location, the specifications for the pool itself, and the operation and ownership of the pool. Additionally, support for the project needs to be identified – this would include contacting the schools, the City's Recreation and Parks Department, and community groups. Other steps to take are conducting a community survey to see what interest there is in having a pool, particularly among the senior population, and a petition drive to ask Council to support this project. Hal Lippman noted that this will be an expensive project if the City takes it on, and a bond may be needed to finance it. The commission also noted that support could be requested as a proffer from developers planning new construction in the City.

Ann O'Neil agreed to work with Mary Hood to begin drafting a document outlining the specifications for the pool. Ann will also talk with Howard Herman about setting up a booth at the Farmers Market to survey the community about interest in a pool, as well as any other support he might provide. Susan Pollack will contact the Superintendent of the Schools to see what support they might be able to give this effort. Hal Lippman suggested contacting A.C. Miller, a resident who was very active in the effort to include a pool in the Community Center renovation a few years ago.

**5. CHAIRPERSONS REPORT**

The Chair had no report.

**6. STAFF REPORT**

- The Housing and Human Services (HHS) Division is accepting applications for the Rent and Tax Relief program until April 15.
- Commissioners were updated on the action taken in the General Assembly with regard to the Northern Virginia Aging Network's (NVAN) legislative recommendations. The SCC is schedule to chair the May NVAN meeting.
- Federal tax credits are available for certain energy saving home improvements; materials were distributed to Commissioners.

- The Boards and Commissions Roundtable has been postponed.
- The Human Services Advisory Council is open to a discussion of consolidation with the SCC and will meet on April 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Kate Ripley and Bea Brady were recently reappointed to the Senior Commission.
- The SCC has remaining funds available in its budget; there are two more regularly scheduled meetings (April and May) left in this fiscal year. There will be an Older Americans Month activity at the Senior Center in May and the SCC may chose to participate as they have the past two years. Letha will find out the date and the nature of the activity.
- Susan Pollack and Ann O'Neil will be speaking separately at upcoming symposiums for caregivers, professionals, and other interested parties.

## **7. ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Hal Lippman and Mary Hood reported on their participation in the recent "Deliberation Day" event sponsored by several community groups. This event provided City residents and staff an opportunity to discuss their views and vision for the future of the City. Attendees met in small groups for a roundtable discussion, then came together to present their ideas to the full group. City staff and Council then responded to the input from the groups. The results of the event will be published.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**– the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

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